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## Ceremony at La Porte PD highlights several employees for their outstanding contributions



On the closing day of February, La Porte Police Chief Ken Adcox addressed a proud group of citizens, family members, and staff as he presented several agency employees with various forms of recognition. In the end, a total of 20 separate recognitions were given among 16 employees.

After recognizing 30 years of service from Assistant Chief Steve Deardorff, Lieutenant Gary Chastain, Sergeant Robbie James, and Detective David Huckabee, the Police Department formally appointed Matthew Davidson and Alvin Goonie to the rank of Detective, swore in LPPD's latest addition to its Patrol ranks - Joshua Willhoite, and presented individual letters of commendation for outstanding acts of service to Officers Anthony Bish, Bennie Boles, Seth Candelari, Matt Davidson, Jason Kraatz, Brian Larkey, Lia Merryman, and Records Clerk Margie Turrentine.

Officer Jeff Tippit, also aiding in ceremony presentations, was presented with the agency's Medal of Merit for selfless acts of volunteerism and community service programs over a several year period, while Officer's Dan Hoffman and Seth Candelari were presented with agency Purple Heart medals for major injuries received in the line of duty. Hoffman's recognition was related to being struck while inside of his police vehicle as he was performing activities related to the inspection of







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commercial motor vehicle, while Candelari was recognized for being, literally, run over by a motorist along a downtown Houston freeway, as the Officer was attempting to provide assistance to another motorist who had crashed along an icy roadway. It was proudly noted that both Hoffman and Candelari were quick to return to duty, considering their injuries, and that both Officers continue to serve the Department well.

A final set of noteworthy acknowledgments were made toward the close of the event where La Porte Detective Matt Davidson was honored for his selection as LPPD's Employee of the Quarter for Fall of 2012, while La Porte Officer Dan Hoffman his selection as LPPD's Employee of the Quarter for Winter of 2012.

At the conclusion of the event, Adox expressed gratitude for the contributions made by the entire department in keeping the City safe and noted that those recognized at the ceremony are part of the larger group of dedicated men and women who proudly serve the City of La Porte every day. For more information on employee accomplishments and recognitions, please contact the police department at 281-842-3185. Additionally, if you wish to recognize outstanding work by a police department employee, you may pick up a compliment form in the police department lobby or follow the steps listed on the Department website.